

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

By Petition filed May 13, 2004, three of the originally named inventors were deleted. A decision on the May 13, 2004 petition has not yet been received by the undersigned. It is respectfully requested that that Petition now be considered and granted.

Further, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.48(b), this application is now being amended to delete the names of:

Shigeya ABE
Masahiro INAGAKI
Hajime KASAI
Hidetoshi NAKASHIMA
Takashi TAUCHI
Kaneo BUMA
Yoshitaka SATO, and
Katsunori AKIMOTO

who are not the inventors of the invention now being claimed. This amendment is made so that only inventors having an invention claimed in this case are named in this application. The present inventorship correction is being diligently made following the Examiner's amendment of June 29, 2004.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.48(b) this amendment is accompanied by

1) a petition including a statement identifying the named inventors who are being deleted and stating that those inventors' invention is no longer claimed in the application; and


2) the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i) (\$130.00).

Should that fee be missing or insufficient, please charge the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 14-1140 under Order No. 2635-191.

WADA et al (as amended)
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Respectfully submitted,

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